

WILL WAR ON THE PIT GAMBLERS HERE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—A united assault by mid-west congressmen on the Chicago Board of Trade operators and on the Minneapolis millers at the opening of the present session of congress is promised by Congressman C. Frank Reavis of Nebraska.

The grain growers of the mid-west says Reavis, charge that market manipulations have had much to do with unreasonably depressing the price of wheat, corn and other grains, while the millers have juggled the grain standardizations to buy from the growers at low standards and sell to the consumers at high standards.

Want New Standardization.
"Mid-west congressmen will get together before the opening of Congress," said Reavis, "and present a united front in demanding legislation that shall prohibit gambling in grains and regulate dealings on the Chicago and other boards of trade where grains are handled. We shall demand also a new federal system of grain standardization. We know that the Minneapolis millers have sold millions of barrels of flour represented as produced from No. 2 wheat, standard graded, more than could have been produced from No. 2 wheat purchased by them. They, in fact, bought the wheat from the farmers at a lower grade and paid for it at a price less than for No. 2 in the market. We shall ask a system of grading that will enable the grower to grade his wheat before it goes to the miller and penalties on the miller for misrepresenting the grade of wheat in the flour. Such legislation will protect both the wheat grower and the flour consumer."

Shoppers Buying Christmas Goods Early This Year

The shop early spirit is evident in Mexico these days.

Stores with Christmas goods displayed say that they have never done quite such an extensive holiday trade this far in advance of Christmas.

The general opinion is that the shopper desires to do the buying before the goods have been picked over. The purchase of useful gifts, as last year, is very evident in the buying.

Mexico will offer the public its usual extensive stocks of high grade gifts. The prices are in line with the market and buyers are coming here from miles around to take advantage of the offers.

TRAIN STRIKES CAR

Doctor Nachels and T. M. Agruder of Higbee were badly bruised, but not seriously injured, at 11:40 Tuesday morning near Higbee when their automobile was struck by a freight train.

The accident occurred when they attempted to cross the Chicago and Alton Railroad track in front of Number 195. The car was dragged about ten feet, and badly damaged.

\$10,700 IN REWARDS

Reward offers in connection with the slaying of Miss Florence Barton of Kansas City, total \$10,700. Of those, the Kansas City Law Enforcement League's \$5,000 offer was made after the escape of Chester, accused of the murder, and applies to his recapture and conviction. The remainder was offered soon after the murder took place, and applies to apprehension and conviction of the murderer.

GIRLS ORGANIZE

The Rush Hill Campfire Girls were organized Monday by Miss Kitty Turley of McMillan High School. Six girls from the seventh and eighth grades joined the organization. Miss Turley explained to the girls what the organization is. The name and guardian for this organization has not been decided upon as yet. Miss Turley was accompanied by Miss Corinne Markley.

Mrs. L. S. Depping of Farber visited friends in Mexico Friday.

THE BUYERS ARE WAITING LOW MARK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Nation-wide business readjustments are being accomplished with few financial failures, considering all the circumstances.

Official Washington today views the transition with hope, confident that the country is prepared to meet the change without too "drastic a shaking up."

While idleness is growing throughout the nation and purchasing has declined tremendously, treasury officials and officials of the interstate commerce commission feel sure better conditions will be reached within the next few months.

Banks report good rates of deposits this year as compared with previous years. This is especially true of the savings banks, which are considered accurate directors of prosperity and latent buying power in the average household.

Most federal officials, who make a specialty of market conditions, are convinced that the situation which exists today is not due to overproduction and an oversupply on the part of the buyer, except in certain special lines, but, on the contrary, that an actual shortage of essentials exists in many homes today, a shortage which will be filled from savings and other revenues as soon as the public is convinced prices have dropped to a solid foundation.

Several governmental barometers indicate the extent to which buying has ceased, both in the wholesale and retail markets. During the final week in October the number of cars loaded with commercial freight fell off thirty-seven thousand. Many of the large industrial cities report as many as fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand men out of work.

PRICE OF TURKEY INCREASED 25 PER CENT THIS YEAR

There will be fewer turkey dinners this Thanksgiving, if the price of turkey has anything to do with it. At the local grocery stores, turkey will sell this year at sixty cents a pound, which is from fifteen to twenty cents higher on the pound than last year.

Turkeys are also very scarce, and are of a more inferior quality than last year. This raise in price is partly due to the fact that fewer turkeys have been raised this year. The price of ducks and geese this year will be raised on approximately the same scale of increase as turkeys. They are also very scarce.

Present indications are that people will have to content themselves with chicken in place of turkey or duck.

MCM GETS \$30 PRIZE IN STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The McMillan stock judging team, winning fourth place in the Junior stock judging contest on the University Farm at Columbia last week, will get about \$30 in money as a team. Ten dollars of this is for winning fourth place, \$15 for being first in judging horses and mules and \$5 for winning fifth place in judging dairy cows.

William Botts received an individual prize of \$10 for taking the second place out of sixty-three in judging horses and mules and Lewis Arnold received \$7.50 for taking third place in judging horses and mules.

The highest number of points in the contest was made by the Mayville team, who made 1594 points. The Mexico team made 1464 points.

Here On A Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris and two children, of Stockton, Calif., are here on a visit to relatives. Mr. Morris was formerly Circuit Clerk here and he and his charming family have a host of friends in Mexico and Audrain county who are not only glad to see them but glad to know of their success and happiness in the far West.

Will Get You Buyers

The reason so many farmers use the MEXICO LEDGER in advertising their public sales is because they realize it reaches more prospective buyers than any other paper in Audrain county.

Newspaper advertising is recognized as the proper method of advertising public sales today. The man in the motor car is going too fast to stop and read a bill. Use more newspaper space in the Ledger and get bigger sales results.

We print sale bills that please.

L. Mitchell White

RED CROSS DRIVE STARTED AT HAR- DIN, M.M.A., MCM

The schools in Mexico are being solicited for subscriptions for the Red Cross. Hardin College was organized for a campaign last Friday. At that time, Mrs. C. A. Buckner, Miss Markley, Mrs. William C. Johnson, Turner Williams and John Barclay spoke at a special meeting of the students.

Up to the present time, \$71 have been contributed by the Hardin College students, \$66 being subscribed at the meeting. A meeting was held at McMillan High School Tuesday morning for organization there, to secure members for the Red Cross. At that time, Miss Corinne Markley and Turner Williams, director of the roll call in Mexico, spoke.

To date, \$4 have been raised at M. M. A. for the Red Cross. The campaign is under the leadership of Captain Stoy. Because of the fact that the M. M. A. students gave so much to the Salvation Army drive, they are not giving so much to the Red Cross. It is expected that more will be taken in by the end of the week. The faculty and their wives gave to the Red Cross at the downtown booths, and are not included in the M. M. A. drive.

NASH SELLS OUT

Nash's has been sold. The name of the firm purchasing the business will be announced in a few days. The business of the new firm while not announced is understood to be a high grade line of merchandise.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash came to this city sixteen years ago and their business has grown steadily. Their success has been based upon newspaper advertising, sound business methods and service. We are glad to say they will continue to make Mexico their home though they will not re-enter business soon.

An Enjoyable Home-Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lambert entertained at a one o'clock turkey dinner Sunday at their home on N. Jefferson street. The centerpiece on the table was large yellow chrysanthemums. The dinner was served to their three children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Lambert and son, De Willis, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Martin and daughters, Agvergne and Lorraine, of Columbia, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hopkins and sons, Forrest and Carl, of Peoria, Ill. After the dinner was served a large band painted card representing an oak leaf was passed to each one to write an autograph of the home coming.

Lee Pemberton and niece, Miss Grace Snodgrass, of Lexington, Ky., are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Blattner on East Promenade street.

Jim Kemp has gone to St. Louis to visit his brother, Almond. Mrs. Almond Kemp is seriously ill of paralysis.

Mrs. W. J. McLoney, G. A. McLoney and Mrs. R. M. Sayres, all of St. Louis, are visiting in Mexico.

United States Marshall Kennedy of St. Louis took Ben Breckenridge, a negro, to Moberly Thursday for trial. The negro has been in the county jail since October 23 for tampering with mail boxes. He had taken two letters from a mail box on South Jefferson street and had opened them and torn them to pieces.

Miss Belle Buckner Biggs, of Fulton, is the guest of R. R. Buckner and family, of this city.

MORD FOX CAR WRECKS BIG PORCH

The balcony on the west end of the Planter's Hotel was wrecked shortly before noon Tuesday when the uprights holding it in position were knocked down by the Saxon touring car of Mord Fox, a well known farmer.

Mr. Fox's machine was just a few feet east of the porch when he cranked it up. The gears were in and when the engine started the machine rushed ahead at a good pace. Mr. Fox attempted to get into the car but the curtains kept him from entering it. It ran directly into the upright and the porch, which was fully 20 feet above the sidewalk crashed down upon the machine.

Had there been anyone under or on the porch or in the machine they would have been killed or seriously injured. The machine was badly damaged and a large plate glass in the hotel office was broken.

SHOUSE IS VICE-P. OF ORIENT R. R.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 22.—Jouett Shouse, former Congressman from the Seventh Kansas District and later Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been chosen vice president of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad and will have charge of the road's lines in Mexico.

A. Debernardi, vice-president and general manager, who made the announcement, said Shouse will have headquarters in Kansas City, with jurisdiction limited to the road's property in Mexico. The appointment will not affect the status of Debernardi, who will remain general manager and retain officers in Wichita.

Mr. Shouse is a former Mexico boy and was at one time City Editor of the Mexico Ledger. He is well known in this city, and during the recent campaign delivered one of the best speeches heard in this city for a long time. His many Mexico friends will be glad to hear of his appointment and join the Ledger in extending best wishes for his continued success.

Monroe Minor, a negro between 65 and 70 years old, was found dead Thursday morning on top of the bricks in one of the kilns at the A. P. Green Fire Brick plant. An inquest was held over the body Thursday morning by R. W. Berrey, coroner, and Doctor Harrison, who pronounced the death from causes unknown.

The negro was a stranger, coming to the brick plant Wednesday afternoon. It is supposed that he climbed on the kiln, which had no fire in it, to sleep, and was overcome with gas or had heart failure. Employees of the plant had removed about a car of brick from this kiln Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allen, 603 West Whitley are rejoicing over the birth of a nine and a half pound son, Thursday, November 18.

Hospital Open Soon.
If the plans for the new hospital do not go awry it expects to be open December 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay are home from a pleasant visit to New York.

E. R. Locke and W. F. Corl have been in Chicago on business.

STRUCK BY TRAIN SUNDAY ON WAY HOME FROM CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eckler of Wellsville miraculously escaped death Sunday when the Burlington west bound train struck the car they were in at the crossing at Wellsville. They had been to church and were returning home. They did not see the train coming when it struck the car. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eckler were thrown out, and their car was entirely demolished. Mr. Eckler was badly shaken up, and his right hand was injured. Mrs. Eckler has a broken arm, bruises all over her body and her face and head are cut. They were both taken to the Audrain Hospital here. Mr. Eckler returned to his home in Wellsville Monday. Mrs. Eckler will be in the hospital for a week or more.

GINGER UNDER BAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Jamaica ginger came under the prohibitive ban this week. Orders issued by Commissioner Williams of the internal revenue bureau, effective in 90 days, classes tincture of ginger, whether sold as Jamaica ginger, extract of ginger, or by whatever known name, as an alcoholic preparation not fit for use for beverage purposes, and subject to prohibition regulations.

PLEDGES 11 GIRLS

The Eta Upsilon Gamma sorority of Hardin College announce the pledging of the following girls: Sallie Beeler of Chickasha, Okla., Elbertine Boone of Bentonville, Ark., Fern Foster of Bartlesville, Okla., Elizabeth Harper of Mexico, Doradell Kellogg of Hastings, Neb., Rita Mitchell of Muskogee, Okla., Margaret Nichols of Helena, Ark., Frances Parker of Mexico, Zelpha Piper of Garden City, Kan., and Veva Saxon of Grandview.

LIBERTY DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bryant and son, Miss Ida Swartz and Mr. Cook were guests at dinner Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell. — Mrs. Deslie Owens and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley. — Ira Kunkle spent the week-end at home. — Cook Bomar visited Martin Smith Sunday afternoon. — Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and children were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins. — Frank James and Luke Edwards are home on a visit. — Mr. and Mrs. Atkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Ravenscroft Sunday. — Miss Anna Underwood visited friends in Mexico Sunday. — Kathryn Bell is on the sick list. — Alex and Will Bryant will have a sale Friday, November 26. Alex Bryant has joined the United States navy and will go to Chicago. Will Bryant will move to Jonesburg. We regret that these men are leaving this community.

Miss Helen Mosley and Harlan McNamee of Fulton were married here Saturday afternoon. They were accompanied by Miss Madge McNamee and Miss Nell Mosley, sisters of the couple. Mrs. McNamee is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McNamee of Fulton and is employed as foreman of the Fulton Fire Brick Company.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fant spent Sunday in McCredie.

George Morris, formerly of this city, is reported to have "cleaned up" recently when he sold two valuable oil leases.

The annual coon hunt on the C. C. Bledsoe farm Friday night was more of a possum hunt than a coon hunt, as the 'possums outnumbered the coons three to one. The following persons made up the party in search of coons: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bledsoe, Dr. and Mrs. Ned Rodes, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cuthorn, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawder, Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Edmonston, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Rodes, and Dick Bradley, Mr. Danforth, Mr. Lane, Bill Atchison, John T. Buckner, Grover Dowell, Ed Willingham, Miss Leary and Miss Worley.

Three 'possums were caught, and one coon. The coon fought the three dogs for a half hour and succeeded in whipping all of them. It was lodged in a tree, and to get it, it was necessary to cut the tree down. The tree was about three feet through, and it took more than an hour, working in relays, to get that coon where he was wanted.

A lunch was served at the Bledsoe home, after the hunt.

HARDIN COLLEGE SORORITIES EN- TERTAIN PLEDGES

The three sororities of Hardin College, Beta Sigma Omicron, Eta Upsilon Gamma and Sigma Iota Chi whose pledge day was Monday, had feasts in the chapter rooms from 9 to 10 o'clock for the pledges Monday night. The Beta Sigma Omicron gave as favors quill pens carrying out the color scheme of the sorority in ruby and pink with the Beta Sigma Omicron inscription on them. The Eta Upsilon Gamma sorority gave as favors silver dainties.

Pledges to the Beta Sigma Omicron are: Misses Julia Plank, St. Joseph, Mo.; Edith England, New Haven, Mo.; Aileen Parker, Beloit, Kan.; Wilhelmina Cox, Wellsville, Mo.; Mary E. Hawkins, Bowling Green, Mo.; Annela Graham, Kansas City, Mo.; Lucile Craft, Charleston, Mo.; Barbara Reavis, Mexico, Mo.

Pledges to the Sigma Iota Chi are: Misses Myrtle and Mable Raith, Paragould, Ark.; Billy Clark, Lake City, Ark.; Montella Mansfield, Farville, Tex.; Wyona Guest, Plainview, Tex.; Leona Saindon, Concordia, Kan.; Lela B. Slaton, Plainview, Tex.; Pauline Gunther and Carmon Staley, Kansas City; Sarah Williams, Freeport, Kan.; Marie Fears, Stigler, Kan.; Helen Million, Mexico, Mo.

The active members of the Hardin sororities are: Sigma Iota Chi—Misses Anita Johnson, Erie, Kan.; Wilda Greshman, Biglow, Mo.; Lucy Baker, Dunbar, Neb.; Louise Patrick, Dennison, Tex.; Thelma Farguharson, Wichita, Kan.; Allie Burton Parrish, Jonesburg, Ark.

Eta Upsilon Gamma—Misses Ann Collison, Clarence, Mo.; Violet Lowe, Mangum, Okla.; Ann Long, Troy, Mo.; Rosebud McPhearsen, Pawhuska, Okla.; Mable Hill, Chickasha, Okla.; Emily Gibbs and Dorothy Johnston, Mexico, Mo.

Beta Sigma Omicron—Misses Ruth Noah, Beloit, Kan.; Elizabeth Henry, Kansas City, Mo.; Mabelle Pollard, Claremore, Okla.; Bonnie Enloe, Bloomfield, Mo.; Ruth Harper, Mary Worrell, Hazel McIntyre, Helen Heizer, Ann-Lacy Wallace and Mrs. Ryland Rodes, Mexico, Mo.

St. Louis Crime Wave Results in 7 Murders Since Sat.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—Two men were killed and three wounded in three shooting affairs early Monday, bringing the total of crime fatalities in St. Louis and vicinity to seven since Saturday night.

Police assert the crime wave here is the worst in many years, and a special "law enforcement" bureau of the department has been established in an effort to cope with the situation.

An unidentified man was killed and two were injured in a revolver battle at a roadhouse in St. Louis County at 2 a. m. The shooting followed a quarrel between two parties of men and women, according to Joseph Pedrol, proprietor of the cafe. A number of men have been arrested in connection with the affair.

Albert Mueller, proprietor of a soft drink establishment, shot and killed a man identified as Joseph Helwig about the same time as the other killing occurred. Mueller, according to the police, said he shot Helwig when the latter attempted to hold up his establishment.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Miss Iva Matthews, of Laddonia, and Floyd Rogers, of Adrian, Mo., were married by Judge E. A. Shannon in the court house at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of J. I. Matthews, a farmer and an old resident of near Laddonia.

Mr. Rogers is the son of D. S. Rogers, a retired farmer of Adrian, and formerly of Martinsburg. The young man has been in the real estate and insurance business in Iowa, but says that he intends to become a farmer.

Mrs. Clyde Blatner has gone to Fulton to spend Thanksgiving with her mother.

Ten Amendments Carried.
Official returns of the vote in the State on the fifteen amendments shows that the second, third, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth and fifteenth carried.

BOY'S LOVE OF DOG IS CAUSE OF DEATH THURSDAY

Clyde Gillaspie, 15 years old, was killed about 3 o'clock this morning by a train near Farber. The love of the boy for his dog was probably the cause of his death. The boy, his father and another man were returning from a coon hunt, and were crossing the tracks when they saw the train coming. Not being able to get the car off, all three of them jumped. There were two dogs strapped in the back seat, one of them of which belonged to the boy. In trying to save his dog, he was struck and killed. The car was entirely demolished and the dogs killed.

Doctor Strode, deputy coroner, viewed the body. The inquest will be Friday. No funeral arrangements will be made until afterwards.

He is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Gillaspie of near Martinsburg, and the grandson of Mrs. Sallie Sims of Mexico.

The Ledger extends deepest sympathy to the parents.

Malone Sells Store To Dallmeyer Dry Goods Co. Wed.

The store of Mr. C. P. Malone, in Mexico, selling dry goods, notions, ladies' and children's ready-to-wear, trunks, etc., has been sold to Dallmeyer Dry Goods Co., and will open under the new name Friday.

Mr. R. Dallmeyer, who had been in the dry goods business in Jefferson City over forty years, is president of the company. Others interested are F. W. Dallmeyer and W. C. Hoefler of Jefferson City and J. A. Raible and Luther Brown of Ely and Walker Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis. Alvin R. Dallmeyer, who has been with Ely and Walker since the war, will be the manager.

Mr. Alvin Dallmeyer was graduated from Westminster College in 1914 and from the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard University in 1916. During the war he was in the Ordnance Department and later a Lieutenant of Field Artillery, his last station being Camp Travis, Texas. Mr. Dallmeyer had retail experience in Jefferson City and with R. H. Macy and Co., of New York.

The present policies of Mr. Malone will be continued, with the same sales force. The intention of the new management is to build upon the already splendid trade built up by Mr. Malone during the past eleven years. Other business interests will require the attention of Mr. Malone.

Mr. Dallmeyer expects to move his family to Mexico in the near future. They are at present residing in St. Louis.

The Ledger joins in welcoming Mr. Dallmeyer and his family to this city. We are glad to say Mr. Malone may remain in Mexico where he and his family have a host of friends.

ROW OVER LEAGUE

MARSHALL, Mo., November 19.—The case of the state against Mose Haggard, charged with assault with intent to kill, occupied the attention of the Criminal Court Thursday. Rev. J. A. Clark, recently of England, pastor of Sweet Springs Christian church was the victim of the alleged assault, and Mose Haggard, a prominent member of the church, is the alleged assailant. The trouble began over a discussion of the League of Nations.

The preacher is a Democrat and the defendant is a Republican. The affair happened a few days before the election and culminated in a street altercation. A club alleged to be in the hands of Haggard was vigorously used on the preacher, it is charged.

Officials and women members of the church filed proceedings against the defendant and appeared as witnesses for the prosecution in the trial Thursday. The case was given to the jury late Thursday evening.

Six-Months-Old Daughter Dies.
The six-months-old daughter of Will Hendrix, of near Concord, died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning of pneumonia. The child was ill only a short time. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery Thursday.

County Collector C. P. Arnold will be in Benton City, Friday, November 26th.